

REMARKS

Claims 41-44 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 41-44 are amended. Claims 1-40 are canceled. Applicants have submitted this Amendment with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

I. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

The Office Action rejects claims 41-44 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over Shigemura (U.S. Patent No. 6,667,795 B2) (Shigemura). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Applicants have amended independent claims 41-43 to recite the features of "wherein at least one of the plurality of ejection heads comprises a plurality of first nozzles for ejecting a first type of filter material, a plurality of second nozzles for ejecting a second type of filter material, and a plurality of third nozzles for ejecting a third type of filter material." Claim 44 has also been amended to recite the features of "wherein at least one of the plurality of ejection heads comprises a plurality of first nozzles for ejecting a first type of functional layer forming material, a plurality of second nozzles for ejecting a second type of functional layer forming material, and a plurality of third nozzles for ejecting a third type of functional layer forming material." Applicants respectfully submit that Shigemura does not teach these features. For at least this reason, the rejection of claims 41-44 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) should be withdrawn.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 41-44 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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